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Appl. No. : 09/828,634  
Applicant : Francis S. Nakayama et al.  
Filed : April 5, 2001  
Title : Composites Comprising Plant Material From  
*Parthenium* spp. and Plastic

TC/A.U. : 1711  
Examiner : N. M. Nutter

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.115**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of March 31, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.